commission by applying the approved formula has been implemented 5 times.

Development of Small and Medium sized oil fields in Assam

2390. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of those small, medium sized oil and gas fields in Assam that had since been developed and offered for production by private sector in 1992/1993; and

(b) what is the status of contract signed and production thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The Government has awarded one small sized field, namely Amguri field, in Assam for development and production of oil and gas from this field by private parties under the second offer of discovered fields, 1993. The Production Sharing Contract has not been signed so far.

Oil reserves in Saurashtra region of Gujarat

2391. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVASHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is oil reserve in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat including Kutchh areas;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to assess the possible location of oil reserve in the region together with outcome of survey; and

(c) whether Government have any plan with regard to conducting such surveys in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The exploration efforts so far have not established any commercial discovery of oil or gas reserves in Saurashtra region of Gujarat and Kutchh area.

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and some private companies have taken up work programmes for acquisition of seismic data, megneto-Telluric (MT) surveys and drilling of exploratory wells in the above region for exploration of hydrocarbons.